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PUC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON PROPOSED VERIZON/MCI MERGER

SAN FRANCISCO, August 4, 2005 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold public meetings this month regarding the proposed merger of Verizon and MCI.

Meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

- Monday, August 15, 2005, 2 p.m. Whittier Whittier City Council Chambers 13230 Penn St., 2nd Floor
- Monday, August 15, 2005, 7 p.m. Whittier Whittier Community Center 7630 Washington Ave.
- Tuesday, August 16, 2005, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Long Beach Long Beach Public Library – Auditorium 101 Pacific Ave.
- Thursday, August 18, 2005, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. San Bernardino San Bernardino Public Library, Kellogg Rooms A & B 555 West 6th St.

This is an opportunity for consumers to provide their input on the proposed merger, which, if approved, would make MCI a subsidiary of Verizon and the second largest telecommunications company in California.

More information on the application is available on the PUC website at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings/A0504020.htm.

These meetings are scheduled to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed merger. Comments from the public can help the Commission reach an informed decision and members of the public are encouraged to attend the scheduled meetings. Those that cannot

attend in person may e-mail or send comments via U.S. mail to the PUC's Public Advisor at public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov or PUC Public Advisor, 320 West Fourth St., Ste 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

If special accommodations are needed, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, please call the PUC's Public Advisor at 415-703-2074 or 866-849-8390, or TTY 415-703-5282, or toll free 866-836-7825 at least three business days in advance of the meeting.

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